

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

CIVIL MINUTES—GENERAL

Case No. CV 23-02089-MWF (Ex)

Date: August 13, 2024

Title: G.W.B., et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.

Present: The Honorable MICHAEL W. FITZGERALD, U.S. District Judge

Deputy Clerk:
Rita Sanchez

Court Reporter:
Not Reported

Attorneys Present for Plaintiffs:
None Present

Attorneys Present for Defendant:
None Present

Proceedings (In Chambers): ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

On May 9, 2024, Plaintiffs’ counsel, James Paul Gutierrez, filed an Ex Parte Application to Withdraw as Counsel for Plaintiffs. (Docket No. 37). On May 10, 2024, the Court granted the application (the “Prior Order”). (Docket No. 37). In the Prior Order, the Court (1) stayed the action for 45 days from May 10, 2024; (2) noted that so long as he indicates his intent, Raul Barrios may proceed *pro se*; and (3) stated that Plaintiffs G.W.B., R.T.O., and M.A.B. must be represented by counsel. (*Id.* at 3).

Plaintiffs have not complied with the Prior Order. Plaintiff Barrios has not indicated his intent to proceed *pro se* and counsel have not appeared for Plaintiffs G.W.B., R.T.O., and M.A.B.

Plaintiffs have also failed to adhere to the deadlines in the Scheduling Order. Plaintiffs were to submit required pretrial documents by July 29, 2024 and August 5, 2024. (*See* Scheduling Order (Docket No. 30) at 2 (July 29, 2024 was the deadline to file Memorandum of Contentions of Fact and Law, Exhibit and Witness Lists, Status Report regarding settlement, and all Motions in Limine; and August 5, 2024 was the deadline to lodge Pretrial Conference Order, file agreed set of Jury Instructions and Verdict forms, statement regarding Disputed Instructions and Verdict Forms, and Oppositions to Motions in Limine)).

Plaintiffs are individually **ORDERED TO SHOW CAUSE** (“OSC”), in writing, by no later than **SEPTEMBER 3, 2024**, why this action should not be

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dismissed for failure to prosecute under Federal Rule 41(b). *See Link v. Wabash R. Co.*, 370 U.S. 626, 633 (1962) (“[A] District Court may dismiss a complaint for failure to prosecute.”). Plaintiff Barrios or his counsel may respond to this OSC. However, for Plaintiffs G.W.B., R.T.O., and M.A.B., only their counsel may respond.

The Final Pretrial Conference on **August 19, 2024**, and Trial Date on **September 10, 2024**, are **VACATED**. Plaintiffs are warned that any Plaintiff who fails to respond to the OSC by **SEPTEMBER 3, 2024**, will be dismissed from this action. No oral argument on this matter will be heard unless otherwise ordered by the Court. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 78; Local Rule 7-15.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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